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In re Application of: M.R. Shah et al. : Group Art Unit: 2834

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For: BRUSHLESS EXCITER WITH ELECTRO-
MAGNETICALLY DECOUPLED DUAL
EXCITATION SYSTEMS FOR STARTER-
GENERATOR APPLICATIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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SIR:

In response to the final Office Action dated November 16, 2005, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows.

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